



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Regular Meeting	The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Present	Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Gerald E. Daley, Robert P. Santangelo, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Philip J. Pessina, Joseph E. Bibisi, Linda Salafia, Todd G. Berch, and Deborah A. Kleckowski, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Sergeant-at-Arms Officer , and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan.
Also Present	City and Town Clerk Sandra Russo Driska, Deputy Town Clerk Linda Bettencourt, Registrar of Voter Janice Gionfriddo, Deputy Registrar of Voters Lisa Santangelo, Assistant Registrars of Voters Nancy Raczka and Darlene Ghezzi, and ten members of the public.
Meeting Called to Order	The Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and leads the public in the pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.
Public Comment Opens	<p>The Chair opens public comment for members of the public who may speak and asks that they state name and address for the record at 7:02 p.m.</p> <p>George Souto comes forward. He states it has been a long time since he has approached this body and it takes something he believes in to come out. He has served during elections and has served as head moderator and is familiar with the how the process takes place and the way it is most efficiently run. His concern in the past and now is the accuracy by which we report. He has seen it as the age of the workers gets older</p>
Noted for the Record	<p>Councilwoman Bartolotta takes her seat in the chamber at 7:03 p.m.</p> <p>He has seen it as the age of the workers gets older and election nights can be challenging and how things are reported. By increasing districts or keeping them the same, it is a concern especially since we can do it with fewer districts to maintain the integrity of the election process. There is a human element and the accuracy of what we report is only as good as those putting the figures in and as we dilute the workers it further compromises that. On election night, everyone wants to see them reported as quickly as possible and the more districts, the longer it takes. He doesn't know why they are reducing the districts; it can't be one of convenience. The Fire House, Farm Hill and Wesley, you can make the trip in a couple of minutes. Our districts are close to one another and because of the lack of places, we have multiple districts in the same building and that gets hairy because people want to go into different lines. He would like to see the districts reduced because it makes more sense. He remembers 10 districts and no one was being inconvenienced. He asks that they consider reducing the districts and not looking at what is there now.</p> <p>Janice Gionfriddo, Republican Registrar of Voters and she thought she would speak for the whole office, but she wants to discuss how it was viewed. Middletown now has two State reps and State senators and this gave them the opportunity to consolidate the districts. They tried to cooperate with the City's efforts to tighten the financial budget; we know the City is looking for money and tried to reduce the number of districts to reduce the cost. They tried to not increase the voting districts so they are not larger than they are now. They tried to work with the Board of Education and worked with their map and could have compromised. The Board asked them to move the district from Farm Hill and they moved it to Woodrow Wilson Middle School. They looked at the changes that would least impact the voting population. They might have to drive a little further, but not in all cases. Most towns have already reduced their districts. West Hartford from 20 to 9; Bloomfield from 6 to possibly 4; everyone has been doing it for cost saving and making voting easier. The elected officials were facing a budget crisis and we were able to do our part. We can't always give back money. We reduced from 14 to 9</p>

and some people may have to travel a little farther and that could save the City \$12,000 per election. Reducing workers, custodial overtime, phone lines, food and it doesn't address ballots. If there is an election and primary every year the cost could be over \$250,000 a year. Over ½ million was spent in the last ten years since there are 14 districts instead of 10. They presented it to Ordinance Study and Council members were present and everyone thought it was a good idea and it was going to be on the community meeting and that it is why they prepared all the districts. If it was turned down by the legislative body, they could have changed it back or compromised. After reviewing the map and after certain elected officials reviewed the map, they didn't call us in and include us to see if we could change our map. We could have been all on the same board. No effort was made to understand what we did; and what transpired were closed door meetings where all parties were not included. The maps were sent to Hartford and returned. She asked why they were not part of it and got no response. It is the legislative body's vote and she hopes they can work bipartisanship. They will have lost the opportunity for these savings and increased costs will be substantial until redistricting occurs again in ten years. She has maps to show the Council if they would like to view them.

Lisa Santangelo, Deputy Registrar, states while new to the office she is not new to town and it is her understanding that the City had 8 or 9 and it was decided the long lines faced by voters but a damper on their willingness to participate and 14 districts were made with 10 voting places. They are looking at an increased population since ten years ago. Your decision will impact the voters for the next ten years and she asks that you support the voting districts and would like to note just as the State legislature votes on the districts Statewide, it is up to the legislative body of Middletown to establish the voting districts.

Lisa Santangelo, Deputy Registrar of Voters, comes forward and states that ten years ago, the City went from 10 districts to 14 to make voting easier; there were complaints by citizens regarding traveling and lines at the polling places.

Stephen Giondriddo states he would like to clarify that the City didn't go to 14 districts ten years ago for lines in the polls but because we had two additional State reps because the districts had to match the additional State Representative and State Senator. Because of that we had to add districts. We have asked Hartford not to have so many and they reduced us to two and that is why other towns could also cut back because the State reps were cut back. It is not the number of people in lines.

Chair asks for other members wishing to speak; seeing none, he closes the public comment portion of the agenda at 7:16 p.m.

The Chair opens Questions to Directors.

Councilman Klattenberg states he is hearing this for the first time and is there an alternative. Ms Gionfriddo shows nine districts that they drew up in the office. Councilman Klattenberg states it would have been nice to have a workshop and he is hearing this for the first time. He thought it was a two minute meeting. He heard one comment, if this plan is implemented Councilwoman Kasper said she would be driving to Moody school. Ms Gionfriddo states she doesn't know where she would vote. She continues and states there are some on Randolph that would go to Moody. She states they could look at this and make ten districts. Councilman Klattenberg states there will be someone who will ask about who is voting in a particular district and he sees a unique opportunity to join one and two and 8 and 14. Ms Gionfriddo states the two towers on Newfield Street is district 2 and 2/3's are absentee voting and vote at Macdonough is only a few feet longer away. Councilman Klattenberg also points out that is it correct it needs to be approved tonight because it needs to be sent to the State. Ms Gionfriddo states they have a primary and by the 23rd they have to notify the Town Clerk and she needs 30 days. Ms Gionfriddo thought it would have been approved before this.

Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for the Town Clerk. She thanks her for coming in on short notice and asks her to explain how you are notified and how long she needs. Ms Driska states the regular meeting, they attend because the Mayor says so and for a special meeting, she hopes they would have been notified and she was not sure anyone would have had questions for her. Councilwoman Kleckowski states can you explain who is responsible for doing voting districts. Ms Driska responds the Registrar of Voters. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks are they a unit or work independently. Ms Driska they should both sign off on the plan before it comes to the body. Councilwoman Kleckowski states that did not happen. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks from the Town Clerk perspective do you have cost analysis of the district. Ms Driska states there is a cost for the

ballot printing and we pay for all ballots and what happens if they print ballots there are price breaks for printing for district ballots. There is a \$35 programming fee; this is absentee ballot printing. When she was told they were dropping to 9 districts, she was happy. With 14 voting districts we went from having 8 different ballots for a federal election; for 10 years we have been issuing the different ballots and the cost perspective, it was nice to hear we might be consolidating. She also orders for the polling places and it will effect that as well. From absentee ballots, it is a \$400 saving and polling place ballots could save \$1,800 to \$2,500 for any election if we consolidate. The printing side over ten years is over \$100,000 on printing costs. You don't see the costs when it is spread over ten years. There is a cost saving when reducing districts. The lever machines created longer lines and with the paper ballot there are more booths and lines are not forming. She would not be concerned about the lines. This system at least eliminated long lines behind machines. She doesn't think consolidating will do that. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks about competition. Ms Driska states it is competitive; we use Adkins in New Britain and there is the vendor of the voting machine and they program the machine and we use Adkins because we get a better price.

Councilwoman Kasper asks to speak with Ms Gionfriddo. Ms Gionfriddo states that Councilwoman Kasper would be voting at Wesley and not Moody. Councilwoman Kasper states you said there are a number that will travel a distance. Do you know how many. Ms Gionfriddo responds no; some will travel a little further, but it is not a great distance. Councilwoman Kasper states she can walk to Wesley and she would have to travel by car to Moody. She asks if Ms Gionfriddo believes it would cause people not to vote. Ms Gionfriddo states no; she discusses referendum. Councilwoman Kasper states referendum had low turnouts already. Ms Gionfriddo there is low voter turnout at referendum. Councilwoman Kasper state she would like to know how many would have to get in the car to vote when they could walk. Ms Gionfriddo says most don't walk to voting districts.

Councilman Pessina asks to address questions to Ms Gionfriddo. Councilman Pessina asks what the cost per election would be if we vote these districts in. Ms Gionfriddo we run about \$30,000 for a general election. Councilman Pessina asks on a primary. Ms Gionfriddo it might be less; a double primary would be more than one party. Councilman Pessina by reducing the districts we are saving between \$1,800 – \$2,000. Ms Gionfriddo it would be \$16,000 to \$17,000. Councilman Pessina for the Council's benefit explain to them how you and Ms Driska sat down and whoever was with you and did a collaborative approach to reduce them. Ms Gionfriddo states our main goal was to try to reduce them and be cost efficient. Darlene and Nancy took the list and put them in their new congressional and State districts. We waited a long time for the congressional district map and then took the maps and drew city districts. Ms Driska has not been in all the time and she did see the map after it was drawn up and everyone was in agreement and one person in the office said can't we get it down to 8, but the 100 is quite a large one and they tried to keep the convenience of it. Councilman Pessina asks if the Mayor was apprised that you and the democrat Registrar reached an agreement. Ms Gionfriddo states we had not presented a map to the legislative body and we thought we would. We went to Ordinance Study. Councilman Daley states there were no maps. Councilman Pessina states it was a unanimous approval that the direction was correct; they saw cost saving and reduction in reducing it. Ms Gionfriddo we said there would be cost reduction and we did not give figures. Councilwoman Bartolotta states the discussion was a time limit and a possibility of lowering the districts and it needed to be pushed forward. The Mayor asks if there was endorsement. Councilwoman Bartolotta responds no; we knew there was a possibility to do that. We were making sure it moved forward. Ms Gionfriddo states we were trying to meet the constraints of the State for redistricting. If the final body didn't approve it, we would have to change it. We were trying to move forward. Councilwoman Bartolotta states you didn't show us a map. Ms Gionfriddo responds no. Councilman Pessina states Ordinance Study thought reduction was good and wanted to see a map.

The Chair asks if there is a specific point or questions. Councilwoman Bartolotta states we understood there was a possibility of reducing districts. We did not endorse anything and not if it did not benefit the voters.

Councilman Pessina asks you have this as a collaborative manner and procedurally, he is perplexed we did not have an alternative opportunity to see it and it is not on the agenda and why were you not able to get it on the agenda and we not look at two. Ms Gionfriddo thought it was going to be on the agenda and submitted to Marie Norwood and was told it had to be submitted by a Council member or the Mayor. He will have a question for the Mayor. Councilman Pessina states there was a discussion on voter impact and he agrees with Councilman Klattenberg; we have seemed to have left

out the public and have not allowed the public to have an opportunity to say yes this is good or cost saving and not having a workshop and by doing this in the 11th hour and missed an important element. We represent the interest of the voters and this did not occur. Councilman Pessina asks if he can ask the Mayor questions. The Chair states no; he was not part of the process. Councilman Pessina states we have a problem. The resolution presented us tonight has no financial impact and no Council person's name and if this is why she was denied that to get it here to look at and if hers is flawed and it is not signed by a Council person and it has no financial impact. Chair asks if this is a debate.

The Chair recognizes the Council Clerk who takes responsibility for not having a Council name on the resolution as the agenda needed to go out on Monday and her husband was in the hospital having just had major surgery. She states it was her responsibility to ensure all rules of the Council were to be followed and she didn't do that. The Chair states with districts remaining the same, there is no financial impact.

Councilman Pessina asks about the meeting; two State legislators and we know who they are and they went to Registrars office and Ms Gionfriddo states we know the maps were given to them by the State Representatives. Councilman Pessina states the maps went to the State and they did the maps and brought them back to the Registrar. He asks why they do it and why we have a Registrar of Voters office.

The Mayor states the map was first done exclusively by the Republican Registrar. Ms Gionfriddo comments that the redistricting by their office and they put the information in the district and they did the work on the redistricting from the Congressional changes. We were waiting for the congressional map. We were waiting for that to draw the congressional lines.

Councilman Santangelo asks you mentioned and sat down and looked over with the democrat registrar and you developed the map in the office. Ms Gionfriddo responds I drew the lines and Ms Driska came in. Councilman Santangelo asks if she went street by street. Ms Gionfriddo responds they saw the map. Councilman Santangelo asks if they were part of the discussion. Side conversations begin and the Chair asks everyone to be quiet. Councilman Santangelo asked the question. The Registrar answered and if have follow up you may ask it. Ms Gionfriddo states they were aware of the five district reduction and saw the map and that is how they drew up the streets. That is how we got the numbers. That is what we do after the map was drawn. They could have raised their issues and she would have no problem compromising and would have no problem at all. Councilman Santangelo asks if support staff can answer questions. The Chair states it says directors, but all can answer if it is support staff. Councilman Santangelo states they saw and looked at the map but were not part of the development of the maps. Ms Gionfriddo responds everyone was aware of congressional and state assembly lines then they form the districts around those lines and everyone was in accordance with the lines. Maybe I drew the lines and everyone saw the map and Nancy even said why can't we get it down to 8. Councilman Santangelo asks for Nancy Raczka, Assistant Registrar of Voters to come to the mike. He asks if that is an accurate statement to the development of the districts. Ms Raczka responds no. I was not part of drawing the map. Councilman Santangelo states four people were not involved in drawing the lines. Ms Raczka responds no.

Councilman Faulkner states the history of the districts that exist currently, do we have an idea of the complaints having 14 districts from the citizens; is there such a thing. Ms Gionfriddo states we don't have input from the citizens and we are looking at cost savings and thought we could save with two state assembly districts that are no longer there. Councilman Faulkner states no one has been complaining. Legally, he is aware of the process, is this the only time we can make changes to the district. Ms Gionfriddo responds yes, every ten years. We can alter a district if something is unavailable and we can change within the district like a polling place that is no longer useable.

Councilman Daley asks to clarify something that the Registrar said; you indicated that District 2 on the proposal is two towers. Ms Gionfriddo states we have looked at your map. Councilman Daley states you said it is the two towers voting at Spencer. That is where they vote know and Rose Circle and Stony Crest will vote there as well. Ms Gionfriddo states yes. Councilman Daley states the other thing regarding the process why it is here and legitimately here and Janice and Nancy came to Ordinance Study to meet the requirement to pass through a Council committee and they voted that it needed to be done and it should come to the Council and it is here legitimately.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Santangelo leaves the Chamber at 7:51 p.m.

Councilwoman Salafia states she would have liked to see a report showing the previous district and she doesn't know what changed. What is the criteria. Why are their jogs. Ms Gionfriddo explains it is based on state assembly lines and that is what determines what district you are in. You can't just go to your nearest location. Councilwoman Salafia asks if there is two congressional districts, why not have two voting districts. Ms Gionfriddo states it is the territorial assembly line district by state and federal districts. Depending on where they fall, that is where it should be. Councilwoman Salafia asks why 14 districts. Ms Gionfriddo states they divided the districts and will be voting in a polling place closer to their home.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Santangelo returns to his seat at 7:53 p.m.

Councilwoman Salafia states if there are two congressional districts, why are there more than two voting district; what basis were the lines drawn. There is a jog between 5 and 6. Ms Gionfriddo states they are not looking at a city map and may be following a water line. Councilwoman Salafia asks where this map came from. Ms Gionfriddo states the map before you does not address where the person is voting. There may be two polling places in the voting district. Councilwoman Salafia asks who drew the maps. Ms Gionfriddo states they were drawn up by two state legislators and people in our office are redoing the districts over and above the nine we drew up.

Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for a different director. She has a quick question for Ms Driska and Ms Santangelo. Councilwoman Kleckowski states going on different ballots does it affect printing cost voting outside your district. Ms Driska once the districts are down, we base the number of ballots on the districts. Every district has their own ballot. The cost is in the programming. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for Lisa Santangelo. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks for her official title. Ms Santangelo states it is Deputy Registrar of Voters. When did you start working on this. The Chair states it is not pertinent. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks when you start working on the maps and how come you didn't ask the Republican and didn't work together. The Chair states it is qualitative and the date is not pertinent. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks why you didn't work with the Republicans. The Chair states it will not be a political debate. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks if members of the public asked to move it back to 14. Ms Santangelo states the goal as a democrat registrar is to ensure every voter has access to a polling place. We currently have 14 and no one has objected. With the lower districts, the lines were there and when they looked at the number of polling places like closing Spencer and Bielefeld, that would not facilitate voting or help the voters. You cannot place a price on the voter. You can send all the voters to city hall and at what point do you say it is too far. You have the towers going to Spencer School and with less to Macdonough. Some voters take busses. Councilwoman Kleckowski asks who are you referring to. Ms Santangelo responds the people involved in the process.

Councilman Faulkner states he has a question about this list and how it works and what got him was his street and he noticed in 4 and 5, they have the same areas, is that okay. Ms Santangelo states it is the border. The ordinance outlines the outside and where they touch, they share the borders.

Councilman Klattenberg states what is the drop dead date and what is the significance of the date. Ms Gionfriddo states it is the 23rd by State Statutes we have to notify the Town Clerk what the districts are before the election and what the polling places are. Councilman Klattenberg asks if they have to be on a map and what do you need the boundaries for. Ms Gionfriddo responds yes; we have to give the actual districts. Councilman Klattenberg states is it a compilation of streets or a long list of addresses. He asks if it is the paper before them. Ms Gionfriddo states the new ones have to be put in place. Ms Driska states we spoke to ted Bromley. April 3 absentee ballots have to be in the mail and on that date, I need the list from the registrar and I need that list. That is the flexibility for March 23.

Councilwoman Salafia states we don't have the option of staying where we are because of the congressional district changes. We have to change. Ms Gionfriddo states correct.

The Chair closes questions to directors and recognizes Councilman Serra.

Motion to Recess

Councilman Serra moves for a five minute recess; Councilman Pessina seconds the motion. The Chair declares a recess at 8:05 p.m. on a unanimous vote of the Council.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Berch takes his seat in the chamber at 8:13 p.m.

Meeting to Reconvene The Chair calls the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 5-1

Councilman Serra reads and moves for approval agenda item 5-1 accepting the maps denoting 14 voting districts in Middletown; Councilman Santangelo seconds the motion

Motion to Amend

Councilman Daley states in terms of the form required for our ordinances, we have the listing of the street boundaries for each district so I move to include the listing of the streets in the ordinance in place of language that says on the attached maps and say as listed below and include the listing in front of us and further move that we add to the list to include the designation of the polling place. He reads those as District 1, Macdonough School; District 2, Spencer School; District 3, Middletown High School; District 4, Moody School; District 5, Moody School; District 6, Middletown High School; District 7, Snow School; District 8, Snow School; District 9, Wesley School; District 10, South Fire District Station House; District 11, Woodrow Wilson Middle School; District 12, Woodrow Wilson Middle School; District 13, Spencer School; District 14, Sbona Towers Senior Center. He moves the amendment for approval; Councilman Faulkner seconds the amendment.

The Chair calls for the vote on the amendment. It is eight aye votes by Council Members Serra, Klattenberg, Bartolotta, Daley, Santangelo, Kasper, Faulkner, and Berch; and four nay votes by Council Members Pessina, Bibisi, Salafia, and Kleckowski. The Chair states the amendment is approved.

The Chair asks if there is any discussion on the underlying amended ordinance and recognizes Councilman Serra.

Councilman Serra reads a letter from Ms Sandra Faraci, Democratic Registrar of Voters; she agrees to the proposal of map dated March 15 which shows 14 districts and she agrees to the polling places that Councilman Daley read. He states he became involved by being made aware of this by the Registrar and our State Representatives and the 8 districts were inconvenient. The Secretary of the State says all voters should comfortably vote and the districts were counterproductive to that theme. To add inconvenience of travel does not do us justice. He clarifies that there are 9 polling places. The polling place for District 1 is Macdonough. The polling place for Districts 2 and 13 is Spencer school and they are together. If you look at them the districts sharing a polling place are convenient for the voters. The polling place for District 9 is the Senior Center, which the other map eliminated and in our democracy voting is tantamount. We want to save dollars, but we want to get individuals out to vote for what they think is right. I sponsored this ordinance and told the Council Clerk, who had a problem relative to her family and for her to be attacked and people knowing that, was appalling. I also said if a republican colleague wanted to sponsor it to put it on the agenda. For me it is a matter of convenience for polling places. People are making a conflict on districts, but it is convenience to get to polling places. It would not be difficult for me to go to Lawrence School to vote, but others have said it would be an inconvenience. That was what changed it for me.

Councilman Daley states it was not this contentious 10 years ago and maybe we were not paying as close attention and the lesson to learn is to have a workshop and be more involved and have a subcommittee of the Council. I looked at this because I understand fully the objective of trying to minimize costs as much as possible and it is not just a cost element, but the difficulty of getting capable and sufficient workers and it is tougher each year and it is in everyone's interest to have fewer districts so long as it doesn't inconvenience the voters and I heard a number of stories from people who looked at the proposal and heard people were going to be inconvenienced. I tried to look at consolidating districts 2 and 13, but you can't because of the congressional and assembly districts. It is not an easy task and he credits the people who worked on it to come up with a good solution. I am not happy it was not more a collaborative effort and am not assigning blame except to us and we are the ultimate body and the lesson is we should have taken more interest and had a subcommittee. The plan is to minimize the amount of change for the voters and frankly we talked about the people on Stony Crest Drive and Rose Circle and keeping their voting place the same because they would be very easily dissuaded from voting. They won't go out. It is serious business and we should learn from this experience and hopefully be more involved and have been more collaborative in our approach.

Councilman Faulkner echoes the sentiments of his two colleagues and thanks everyone involved for their hard work. Getting resources to help out is a good thing and we had some unfortunate circumstances and he wants to

make sure it doesn't cloud the issues for working together. We should not wait and push others into pressure situations and it should work until April 3. He will support this and ten years he won't be here, but they should use some technology.

Councilman Klattenberg states he does not have much more to add, but also feels strongly that the objective to save money is a darn good thing and he wishes there was a workshop and cost benefits and we are late in the game for doing that kind of a review and he thinks the workers in the Registrars Office did a great job and it bothers him when there is a sense of discontent and it troubles him. He hopes next time it is a collaborative effort. You know best what is the right approach and we should not be going to Hartford to get the right districts. There are plenty of opportunities and it would not be a huge inconvenience. Under the circumstances he will support the proposal and put this behind us.

Councilman Pessina states he goes along with Councilman Klattenberg and is disappointed on how the process went. The point is we have Registrars that work hard and know the voting districts and what disappointed him most is when he found two State legislators came into the office and took the map to Hartford. That is disconcerting to him and should be to the public. The Registrars are there because they work collaboratively. The only time problems occur is when the third party comes in and makes them a part of the process. He is disappointed financially. He believes in the voting public and he truly believes they were left out. The public did not have the opportunity to look at the design of the voting districts. Like I told you on the phone, perception is everything. When the two legislators got in there, it is the wrong perception. They could have gone to the Registrars and asked questions. He will not support this because of the interference by the State legislators and the lack of opportunity of the public to voice their concerns and we didn't have a workshop and look at the two maps, this is the first I heard the majority leader say the minority could sponsor it. He just heard it tonight that it was not sponsored. There was no attack on the Council Clerk and his question was left out of the loop as well as the rest of the Republican party. The process is flawed and this is not giving the right message to the public. Voting is important and they were denied the opportunity. He will vote no.

Councilman Serra states to the Minority leader, our Registrar made me aware of this as well as the State Representatives, that there was a situation here that it would not be as convenient for voters. Yes, they participated and the bottom line, don't blame us for the communication between you and your Registrar. I told the Clerk if it was sponsored it goes on the agenda.

The Chair, seeing no further discussion, calls for the vote. It is eight aye votes by Council Members Serra, Klattenberg, Bartolotta, Daley, Santangelo, Kasper, Faulkner, and Berch; and four nay votes by Council Members Pessina, Bibisi, Salafia, and Kleckowski. The Chair states the matter is approved with eight affirmative votes and four in opposition.

Ordinance No.
File Name
Description

(Approved)

05-12
sec36-2finalmar20
Approving amending Section 36-2. Voting Districts of Article II of Chapter 36. Elections of the City of Middletown Code of Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Middletown that Article II of Chapter 36 Elections, Section 36-2, Voting Districts be amended as follows:

ARTICLE II
VOTING DISTRICTS

Section 36-2. Description of districts.

The City shall be divided into 14 voting districts. All voting districts are from them Middle of the Street unless portions of the Street are entirely within the voting district as listed below:

District 1 – Macdonough School

Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street) at Park Place
Park Place to Berlin Street
Berlin Street to Liberty Street
Liberty Street to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Mattabasset River
Mattabasset River to Connecticut River
Connecticut River to Sumner Brook
Sumner Brook to Union Street
Union Street to Main Street
Main Street to Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street) to Park Place

District 2 – Spencer School

Walnut Grove Road at Newfield Court
Newfield Court to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Congdon Street
Congdon Street to Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Walnut Grove Road
Walnut Grove Road to Newfield Court

District 3 – Middletown High School

Congdon Street at Newfield Street
Congdon Street to the Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Mattabasset River
Mattabasset River to Cromwell Town Line
Cromwell Town Line to East Street
East Street to Ridgewood Road
Ridgewood Road to Mile Lane
Mile Lane to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Congdon Street

District 4 – Moody School

Westfield Street at Camp Street to Country Club Road
Country Club Road to Higby Road
Higby Road 1,000 feet south and then 90 degrees west to Fall Brook
Fall Brook to Country Club Road
Country Club Road to Miner Street
Miner Street to Smith Street
Smith Street to Route 91 North Bound
Route 91 North Bound to Miner Brook
Miner Brook to Russett Lane
Russett Lane to West Lake Drive
West Lake Drive to East Street
East Street to the Cromwell Town Line
Cromwell Town Line to intersection of the Cromwell, Berlin, Middletown Town Lines
Berlin Town Line to Meriden Town Line
Meriden Town Line south to Middlefield Town Line
Middlefield Town Line to Washington Street
Washington Street to Camp Street
Camp Street to Westfield Street

District 5 – Moody School

Westfield Street at Ridgewood Road to Country Club Road
Country Club Road to Higby Road
Higby Road 1,000 feet south and then 90 degrees west to Fall Brook
Fall Brook to Country Club Road
Country Club Road to Miner Street
Miner Street to Smith Street
Smith Street to Route 91 North Bound
Route 91 North Bound to Miner Brook
Miner Brook to Russett Lane
Russett Lane to West Lake Drive
West Lake Drive to East Street
East Street to Glenwood Terrace
475 feet West on Glenwood Terrace
South to Miner Street 375 from East Street
Miner Street 375 feet to East Street
East Street to Congdon Street
Congdon Street to East Miner Brook
East Miner Brook to Poplar Road
Poplar Road to Ridgewood Road
Ridgewood Road to Westfield Street

District 6 – Middletown High School

Westfield Street at Newfield Street to Ridgewood Road
Ridgewood Road to Poplar Road
Poplar Road to East Miner Brook
East Miner Brook to Congdon Street
Congdon Street to East Street
East Street to Miner Street
West 375 feet on Miner Street
North to Glenwood Terrace at 475 feet from East Street
Glenwood Terrace 475 feet east to East Street
East Street to Ridgewood Road
Ridgewood Road to Mile Lane
Mile Lane to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Westfield Street

District 7 – Snow School

Middlefield Town Line at Connecticut State Highway 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway 66 (Washington Street) to George Street
George Street to Boston Road
Boston Road to Beverly Heights
Beverly Heights to Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Villa Street
Villa Street to Middlefield Street
Middlefield Street to West Street
West Street to Wadsworth Street
Wadsworth Street to Pine Street
Pine Street to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)

Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Laurel Grove Road
Laurel Grove Road to Wadsworth Street
Wadsworth Street to Middlefield Town Line
Middlefield Town Line to Connecticut State Highway 66 (Washington Street)

District 8 – Snow School

West Street at Wadsworth Street to the Conrail Railroad Tracks
Conrail Railroad Tracks to Jackson Street
Jackson Street to Connecticut State Highway 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway 66 (Washington Street) to Vine Street
Vine Street (both sides) to Knowles Avenue
Knowles Avenue to Cross Street
Cross Street to Warren Street
Warren Street to Pine Avenue
Pine Avenue to Pine Street
Pine Street to Miles Avenue
Miles Avenue to Ravine Avenue
Ravine Avenue to Home Avenue
Home Avenue to Beach Street
Beach Street to High Street
High Street to Bretton Road
Bretton Road to Pine Street
Pine Street to Wadsworth Street

District 9 – Wesley School

Middlefield Town Line at Wadsworth Street
Wadsworth Street to Laurel Grove Road
Laurel Grove Road to Connecticut State Highway Route 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway Route 155 (Randolph Road) to Arbutus Street
Arbutus Street to Durham Town Line
Durham Town Line to Middlefield Town Line

District 10 – South Fire District Station House

Millbrook Road at Durham Town Line to Lyceum Road
Lyceum Road to Chamberlain Hill Road
Chamberlain Hill Road to Chamberlain Road
Chamberlain Road to Sumner Brook
Sumner Brook to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Connecticut DOT Access Road
Connecticut DOT Access Road to Paddock Road
Paddock Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Saybrook Road
Saybrook Road to Coe Avenue
Coe Avenue to Reservoir Road
Reservoir Road to Saybrook Road
Saybrook Road to Route 9
Route 9 to Bow Lane
Bow Lane to Reservoir Brook
Reservoir Brook to Connecticut River
Connecticut River to Haddam Town Line
Haddam Town Line to Durham Town Line
Durham Town Line to Millbrook Road

District 11 – Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Durham Town Line at Arbutus Street
Arbutus Street to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Pine Street
Pine Street to Bretton Road
Bretton Road to Highland Avenue
Highland Avenue to Austin Street
Austin Street to Lakeside Avenue
Lakeside Avenue to Ward Street
Ward Street to Connecticut State Highway Route 17 (South Main Street)
Connecticut State Highway Route 17 (South Main Street) to Norfolk Street
Norfolk Street to Farm Hill Road
Farm Hill Road to Russell Street
Russell Street to Hunting Hill Avenue
Hunting Hill Avenue to Newtown Street
Newtown Street to Farm Hill Road
Farm Hill Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Murray Street
Murray Street to Hobson Street
Hobson Street to Ridge Road
Ridge Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to East Ridge Road
East Ridge Road to Deerfield Avenue
Deerfield Avenue to Fowler Avenue
Fowler Avenue to Russell Street
Russell Street to Hillside Avenue
Hillside Avenue to Clew Drive
Clew Drive to Saybrook Road
Saybrook Road to Reservoir Road
Reservoir Road to Coe Avenue
Coe Avenue to Saybrook Road
Saybrook Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Paddock Road
Paddock Road to Connecticut DOT Access Road
Connecticut DOT Access Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)
Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) to Summer Brook
Summer Brook to Chamberlain Road

Chamberlain Road to Chamberlain Hill Road
Chamberlain Hill Road to Lyceum Road
Lyceum Road to Millbrook Road
Millbrook Road to Durham Town Line
Durham Town Line to Arbutus Street

District 12 – Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road) at East Ridge Road to Farm Hill Road
Farm Hill Road to Newtown Street
Newtown Street to Hunting Hill Avenue
Hunting Hill Avenue to Russell Street
Russell Street to Farm Hill Road
Farm Hill Road to Norfolk Street
Norfolk Street to South Main Street
South Main Street to Ward Street
Ward Street to Lakeside Avenue
Lakeside Avenue to Austin Street
Austin Street to Highland Avenue
Highland Avenue to High Street
High Street to Loveland Street
Loveland Street to Route 9 Connector
Route 9 Connector to Main Street Extension
Main Street Extension to Union Street
Union Street to Connecticut River
Connecticut River to Reservoir Brook
Reservoir Brook to Bow Lane
Bow Lane to Route 9
Route 9 to Saybrook Road
Saybrook Road to Clew Drive
Clew Drive to Hillside Avenue
Hillside Avenue to Russell Street
Russell Street to Fowler Avenue
Fowler Avenue to Deerfield Avenue
Deerfield Avenue to East Ridge Road
East Ridge Road to Connecticut State Highway 155 (Randolph Road)

District 13 – Spencer School

George Street at Boston Road to Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street) to Camp Street
Camp Street to Westfield Street
Westfield Street to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Newfield Court
Newfield Court to Walnut Grove Road
Walnut Grove Road to Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Newfield Street
Newfield Street to Conrail Rail Road tracks
Conrail Rail Road tracks to West Street
West Street to Middlefield Street
Middlefield Street to Villa Street
Villa Street to Coginchaug River
Coginchaug River to Beverly Heights
Beverly Heights to Boston Road
Boston Road to George Street

District 14 – Sbona Towers Senior Center

High Street at Loveland to Beach Street
Beach Street to Ravine Avenue
Ravine Avenue to Miles Avenue
Miles Avenue to Pine Street
Pine Street to Fountain Avenue
Fountain Avenue to Pine Avenue
Pine Avenue to Warren Street
Warren Street to Cross Street
Cross Street to Knowles Avenue
Knowles Avenue to Vine Street (both sides)
Vine Street (both sides) to Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street) to Jackson Street
Jackson Street to Conrail Rail Road
Conrail Rail Road to Berlin Street
Berlin Street to Park Place
Park Place to Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street)
Connecticut State Highway Route 66 (Washington Street) to Main Street
Main Street to Main Street Extension
Main Street Extension to Route 9 Connector
Route 9 Connector to Loveland Street
Loveland Street to High Street
High Street to Beach Street

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Serra moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilman Berch. There is no discussion and the vote is called. It is unanimous to adjourn with twelve aye votes. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
COUNCIL CLERK